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HAMILTON'S FORCE

FACING THE BOERS

Both Sides Awaiting Arrival

of Reinforcements.

DISPOSITION OF BRITISH

Lines So Arranged as to Bring Large

Force in Contact With the Enemy.

Boers Held Strong Positions—To the

Relief of Mafeking.

LONDON, May 2.—The following dis-

patch has been sent by Lord Roberts to

the war office from Bloemfontein:

"The Boers made very persistent at-

tacks around Thaba N'Chu Saturday

and Sunday. But the position which

the right (Rundell's) division holds is

very strong and he had the assistance

of Gordon's and Dickson's brigades, the

cavalry under French and Smith-Dor-

rien's infantry brigade and a body of

mounted infantry under Ian Hamilton.

Fole-Carew's division has returned from

Dewet's camp."

Lord Roberts also cabled additional

casualties sustained during the fighting

of April 17 around Thaba N'Chu, con-

sisting of Lieutenant Grady and two en-

listed men killed and one officer and

three enlisted men wounded.

Neither the commander-in-chief nor

the correspondents' dispatches throw

any light upon the plans being made to

cut the Boers from Thaba N'Chu vi-

city and how long before a definite

move is made to assert British supe-

riority is only a surmise. In the mean-

time, the Boers are remarkably aggres-

sive, and especially in view of the large

forces opposing them. A special dis-

patch from Thaba N'Chu says they

made a daring attempt to cut off a British

convoy which got into broken ground

between Thaba N'Chu and Dewet's

camp, opening fire from the adjacent

hills. In the nick of time, General Bra-

bazon, with a strong force of yeomanry,

returning from Wepener, arrived on the

scene and extricated the convoy.

The same dispatch describes the dispo-

sition of the forces at Thaba N'Chu as

follows:

General Rundell is covering the ad-

vanced camp, facing the Boers' position

to the east, where they are strongly en-

trenched.

General Ian Hamilton and General

of preventing the Boers from concentrat-

ing their forces at any given point.

A dispatch from Bloemfontein chron-

icles the prevailing opinion among the

townspeople there that the war is not

likely to last more than six weeks, once

the British advance begins, but adds

that the correspondent has been unable

to discover any ground for this opinion

beyond the fact that General Carrington

has arrived at the Marandellas base,

whence a flying column will be dis-

patched in a direction not made public.

Bombardment of Creusots.

A dispatch from Mafeking, describing

the Boer attack of April 11, says:

"The bombardment of the Creusots

was the hottest of the fight. The shells

entered the hospital and woman's laager.

Under cover of artillery a large force,

commanded by Cronje (the younger),

including the German corps, advanced

close to Fort Abrams. The garrison

laid low until the Boer force was at

close range, when they fired a volley,

killing five, wounding many, and the

attack was repulsed. The bombard-

ment then ceased. The Boers, under a

Red Cross flag, later were permitted to

recover their dead."

General Hamilton's division has been

engaged in forcing a passage north-

ward. At Houtnell the Boer front held

a line of hills commanding the sides of

the Nek. The Canadians and Gordons

attacked the hills to the left and the

Shropshires and Marshalls horse sup-

ported by a battery also made an attack

on the enemy, who finally fled, leaving

many wounded, and the passage was

cleared.

The Boers on the mountain are now

shelling the outlying camp, necessitating

removal to a safer place.

The Boers have three guns on the hill

to the eastward of this place outside the

range of the British artillery. The Boer

shelling is not doing any damage. The

enemy retain their positions and the

British are not attempting to dislodge

them.

General Hamilton, after a full day's

march, secured the Thaba N'Chu-Bloem-

fontein road.

British Expelled by Kruger.

A dispatch from Pretoria gives the

text of President Kruger's proclamation

expelling British subjects from the

Transvaal. It says:

"As numerous burghers insist on the

removal of the British and as the gov-

ernment is desirous of complying with

the wishes of the burghers and others

favorable to the republic, all Britishers

residing in the district and town of Pre-

torias and the Witwatersrand gold fields

must leave the state within 36 hours

from noon, April 30. Exception will be

made in the case of those obtaining

all was well there. He adds:

"Thirteen native women tried to get

away during the night of April 15. The

enemy opened fire on them and killed

nine and wounded two. I wrote to

Snyman, pointing out that he shelled

the native staff, which is full of women

and children, and that when they are

trying to escape by day the Boers have

captured them and flogged them and

sent them back and by night they shoot

them down, pretending to mistake them

for night attacks. Snyman has not re-

plied. The proportion of killed and

wounded above speaks for itself."

Other news from Mafeking details the

careful saving of the provisions and says

there are diminished rations for 9,000

souls in the beleaguered town.

BOERS CLAIM VICTORIES.

PRETORIA, May 4.—An official war

bulletin issued here reports that on April

28 the federals captured nine prisoners

and ten horses eastward of Thaba N'Chu

and that on April 30 a British mounted

corps appeared near Brandfort. The

federals attacked them on two sides and

the British retreated. Two federals

were wounded and 11 prisoners were

taken.

Another account of this affair says the

Walkerstrom and Emmelo companies

had a skirmish with the British near

Brandfort. After a sharp fight 11 pris-

oners were taken and 19 British were

left dead on the field, including Captain

Lydly. A few federals were wounded.

The heavy bombardment by the British

has been resumed at Fourteen

Streams.

The correspondent of Renter's Tele-

gram agency in the Boer camp at Brand-

fort wires that the British appeared 4

miles east of Brandfort and General De-

Larey ordered a charge with 500 Boers,

who drove them back to their entrench-

ments.

The federals found four dead on the

field and took 17 prisoners, mostly

wounded, including Lieutenant Crane.

Later in the afternoon General De-

Larey learned that the British had

forced their way 30 miles east of Brand-

fort and 7 miles north of Modder river.

With 350 men DeLarey set out in pur-

suit of the British, who numbered 1,200.

The forces met in the open country, a

sharp engagement followed and the

British retired. As the Boers had a

heavy day they were not pursued. The

federals had five men wounded. An

American has been arrested in connec-

tion with the Begbee explosion.

BRITISH TAKE BRANDFORT

Roberts Has Established Headquarters

There—Efforts to Scatter Boers Fail.

Dewet Threatens Enemy's Flank.

Trouble on Gold Coast.

LONDON, May 5.—News of the occu-

decision, but the British were apparently

retreating toward Bloemfontein. The Boers

captured a number of prisoners. The

skirmishing along the river indicates

that Lord Roberts' army is advancing

northward.

Boers Evacuate Thaba N'Chu.

THABA N'CHU, May 5.—The Boers

have evacuated Thaba N'Chu and are

believed to be still trekking, though one

gun has shelled the camp intermittently.

Scouts report that some of the Boers

went toward Wepener. They believe

that the Boers evacuated the position

during the night, trekking northward in

three directions. General French has

left and General Rundle is in command

here. It is expected that General Bra-

bant will effect a junction at any mo-

ment.

Troubles on the Gold Coast.

ACCRA, British Gold Coast Colony,

May 5.—Frederic Michael Hodgson, gov-

ernor at the Colony, is still at Kumassi,

and his stay will probably be prolonged

until September on account of the state

of the roads. His personal danger has

probably been minimized by diplomatic

means. The telegraphic superintendent

was wounded after repairing the line to

a point within a few miles of Kumassi

and communication is again stopped.

More raiding in various parts of the

Colony is reported.

FLORIDA EDITOR IS SHOT.

Stansell Wounds Williamson—Former

Is Shot on the Run.

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., May 2.—An al-

tercation occurred here this morning

between Albert M. Williamson, editor

of the Florida Journal, a weekly paper

published here, and C. W. Stansell,

councilman from ward 7, which resulted

in both being seriously wounded.

The trouble arose from an editorial

in the last issue of The Journal, charg-

ing that Stansell claimed to have re-

ceived \$5,000 and another councilman

a suit of clothes, described as being all

he was worth, from the Plant system

for services in relation to the renewal of

the charter of the Bay Street railway, owned

by the Plant system.

Williamson rode up Hogan street on

his wheel and at the corner Stansell

knocked him off with a cane, and then

fired three shots at Williamson, one

penetrating the femoral artery of the

right leg. As Williamson arose Stansell

fled, the former firing two shots, one

entering Stansell's back on the right

side. Neither wound is necessarily

fatal.

FRAUD AND CORRUPTION.

The Ware Grand Jury Makes Charges

Against School Commissioner.

WAYCROSS, Ga., May 2.—The grand

jury for the April term of Ware supe-

rior court charges fraud and corruption

## CULTON TELLS OF MURDER OF GOEBEL

Says Taylor Wanted Youtsey to Leave State.

TOLD TO GIVE HIM MONEY

Was to Get Any Amount He Desired

If He Would Leave—Witness Knows

Nothing of Senator to Be Made Way

With by Conspirators.

FRANKFORT, Ky., May 4.—W. H. Cul-

ton resumed his testimony. He stated

that Governor Taylor authorized the

witness to give Youtsey any amount of

money desired if he would leave Ken-

tucky.

At a conference in Lexington, the Sun-

day before Goebel was shot, it was de-

cided that Representative Henry Berry,

who had been unseated a few days be-

fore, should go to the house of repre-

sentatives next morning and take his

seat and refuse to give it up.

Van Meter, his opponent, was to be

in some way prevented from going to